

1 that the house at 123 was too large. That was my personal
2 opinion, based upon eight years of experience, and I
3 might say that many of the other members expressed the
4 same opinion to me.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

6 DELEGATE MASON: Senator James, I would like
7 to know why the drastic reduction in the house, 62 members
8 from the present house, and only three member reductions
9 in the present senate.

10 DELEGATE JAMES: I thought I explained that at
11 the outset. This might be regarded as a political
12 situation on my part, but our experience, in my opinion,
13 based upon eight years of experience in the senate was
14 that the 29 man senate was a bit too small, too small
15 because it had a tendency to create a very club-like
16 atmosphere inwhich you found yourself almost without
17 noticing it voting for people instead of issues, and this
18 is the wrong frame of mind to be in when you are legislat-
19 ing; but the smaller the house, the more -- the greater
20 the tendency is to go along on the basis of personal
21 relationships, other than upon the basis of the merit of